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Aftermath of PNC Session

Egypt's Response to PNC — Egypt has decided to close down all PLO offices and institutions on its territory in response to the the PNC's "irresponsible position," Egyptian Foreign Minister 'Isamat 'Abd al-Majid announced in a statement carried by MENA 27 April. While stressing that Egypt will continue to support the struggle of the Palestinian people, 'Abd al-Majid said Egypt cannot remain silent over the "absurdity and falsehood" perpetrated by certain individuals who have "distorted" the image of the Palestinian people and have placed themselves at the disposal of "suspect forces" which have been "conspiring" against the Palestinian people and "stabbing them in the back." The PNC's "aggressive" resolution on relations with Egypt showed "ingratitude" for the latter's sacrifices on behalf of the Palestinians and the only justification for this "reckless" stand was that it was "the price demanded and paid to please certain countries," the minister asserted.

In a related report from Cairo, WAKH said the Egyptian authorities have closed offices of the PLO, the Palestinian Red Crescent, the Palestinian Women's Union, the Palestinian Writers' Union, and the Fatah Information Bureau. PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat is expected to hold urgent contacts with the Egyptian authorities to limit the effects of their decision, the agency said.

The PLO is calling for an emergency Arab League Council meeting to discuss Egypt's move, DFLP leader Nayif Hawatimah announced in a statement cited by Algiers radio. Describing the Egyptian decision as a "dangerous step," Hawatimah said the PLO will not bow to pressures aimed at undermining Palestinian unity. A senior PFLP official likewise accused Egypt of seeking to destroy the PLO's unity, Radio Monte Carlo noted. A contrasting Palestinian reaction came from former Gaza Mayor Rashad al-Shawwa, who viewed Egypt's decision as a natural response to the "wretched" decisions of the PNC, according to Jerusalem radio.

PLO Headquarters — Arab sources cited by Beirut's *Al-Safir* stated that the PLO will shortly announce a decision to transfer its headquarters from Tunis to Algiers, KUNA reported.

Damascus Factions on PNC — A Radio Monte Carlo report on the views of Palestinian factions in Damascus cited critical comment on the PNC by the PFLP-GC and the Fatah Uprising, but noted that the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front welcomed the results of the PNC as "the first step on the road to comprehensive unity."

Israel

In remarks cited by Jerusalem radio 28 April, Foreign Minister Shim'on Peres denied *'Al Hamishmar's* report that he held

lengthy talks with Jordan's King Husayn last week. However, Peres reaffirmed his belief that Jordan is prepared to enter direct negotiations with an "international opening," and *Ha'aretz* likewise reported that Husayn has expressed willingness to take this step without the PLO. It was in light of Husayn's new position that President Reagan sent Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir a message urging him not to miss the "historic opportunity" that has been created in the region, the paper disclosed. Interviewed by IDF radio during his current visit to France, Shamir acknowledged having received a message from Reagan and noted that the President believes the path of an international conference should be examined.

In another foreign policy development, *The Jerusalem Post* disclosed that Labor MK Rafi Edri is en route to Morocco on a diplomatic mission on behalf of Foreign Minister Peres.

Iran-Iraq War

IRNA announced that Iranian forces launched another phase of the "Karbala'-10" offensive the night of 27 April, capturing a "vast area" of Iraqi territory in the north and killing over 1,000 Iraqi soldiers. In contrast, an Iraqi military source cited by INA asserted that an attacking Iranian force was "wiped out" in an unsuccessful attempt to capture an Iraqi border peak. Iraq had earlier claimed that its antiaircraft defenses downed two Iranian helicopters in the northern sector, according to a statement carried by Voice of the Masses radio.

Maghreb Affairs

Bendjedid Visit to Mauritania — In a press statement cited by Algiers radio, Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid declared that during his 2-day visit to Nouakchott and the northern city of Nouadhibou, he expressed Algeria's support for efforts related to maintaining Mauritania's "security, stability, and unity." Bendjedid noted that he and Mauritanian President Maayouia Sidi Ahmed Ould Taya discussed increasing bilateral cooperation in light of the two sides' "mutual trust."

Moroccan Casualties — According to Algiers radio, 137 Moroccan soldiers were killed and 100 wounded by Polisario soldiers who destroyed positions along the defense wall 25 April.

Moroccan-Soviet Consultations — Mohamed Kabbaj, minister of equipment and cadre training, heads the Moroccan delegation in Moscow for the eighth session of the intergovernmental committee to promote cooperation, Rabat radio reported.

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Charge's Home in Tehran Attacked by 'Terrorist Group'
LD271320 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] Kabul, 26 Apr [date as received] (*Bakhtar*) — A source in the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports an armed terrorist group attacked the residence of the charge d'affaires of the DRA Embassy in Tehran at 0145 on 23 April which resulted in an exchange of fire between them [terrorists] and guards at the residence.

In an official note which was handed over to the charge d'affaires of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Kabul when he was summoned to the Foreign Affairs Ministry, the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed its strong anxiety about this incident which took place in contravention of international norms and regulations and the immunity of diplomatic and consular representations and their employees. The note demanded that the authorities of that country punish the perpetrators of this incident as soon as possible and consider their international responsibilities to prevent the repeat of such a sad incident which will certainly affect both countries' relations.

Rafi Speech Marks April Revolution Anniversary
LD271908 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Speech by Major General Mohammad Rafi, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and DRA minister of National Defense, to mark the 9th anniversary of the April Revolution; date and place not given]

[Text] Soldiers, NCOs, officers, generals, dear compatriots, guests and esteemed foreign guests:

Today we mark the ninth anniversary of the April Revolution at the time of the enforcement of a unilateral cease-fire by the party and government and when we are embarking on national reconciliation.

The PDPA and the DRA people's administration, by presenting the national reconciliation policy in accordance with the decisions of the extraordinary PDPA Central Committee Plenum, have embarked on a program to achieve peace, tranquility, and prosperity for the people of Afghanistan.

The policy of national reconciliation is a major historic step and the people as well as our Armed Forces are expressing their broad and all-round support for this humanitarian policy. Our new policy is entirely supported by various strata of people, including workers, peasants, the intelligentsia, women, youth, all progressive forces, foreign friends, and a certain portion of the armed opposition forces. By means of national reconciliation, the political wisdom, flexibility and awareness of the revolutionary apparatus, with its understanding of the current conditions and its ability to make concessions and to compromise for the ideals of the April Revolution, enjoy the trust of the party and people.

During the period following the proclamation of the national reconciliation policy, important initiatives have been implemented by the party leadership and the DRA Government. Over 20,000 men in armed opposition groups have laid down their

weapons and around 10,000 men of the armed opposition have turned their face toward peace and are holding talks with the state organs.

During this period 44,000 [as received] of our refugee compatriots, replying to the call for national reconciliation, have returned to their ancestral land. Moreover, 5,500 prisoners, in accordance with the decision of the DRA Government, were released and have returned to the warm bosom of their families.

Similarly, other initiatives have also been implemented to consolidate the national reconciliation policy. Among these we can mention the preparation of the draft DRA constitution, the enforcement of the new general conscription law, granting material privileges to officers and men of the Armed Forces, the Revolutionary Council Presidium decree on taxes owed by returnees, and a decree regarding the restitution of their property.

The units and companies of the heroic DRA Armed Forces, from the very beginning of the proclamation of the unilateral cease-fire, have halted combat operations and returned to permanent deployment, and restricted their activities to border protection, state services, communication groups, and carrying out only defensive and economic duties.

Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, has pointed out that enhancing the level of combat readiness and consolidating the combat morale of the personnel of the Armed Forces and consolidating their links with the people, is a determining factor for speeding up the national reconciliation process.

The DRA Armed Forces, including the military, the people's militia, the organs of state security, armed civilian units and companies, have firmly enhanced their combat and political readiness, professional skills, and military discipline and with high morale and combat capability are ready to ensure the defense of the independent national sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country.

On this auspicious day the people of Afghanistan are profoundly grateful to all progressive forces, headed by the USSR, who assist the restoration of peace in our land and achieve national reconciliation. Meanwhile, international imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism in collaboration with the Pakistani militarists and the ruling circles in Iran, increasingly intensify their intrigues and conspiracies against our country and try to disrupt the progressive process of the revolution and the DRA's national reconciliation policy.

Despite the DRA Armed Forces' unilateral cease-fire and the cessation of combat operations, the enemy continues firing and carrying out terrorist actions. Clearly, it wants to discredit the process of national reconciliation. Take, for example, the terrorist action and the recent crime by the Pakistani militarists in shooting down an Afghan passenger plane during an internal flight over Chamkani District, Paktia Province, by two F-16 Hunter aircraft made in the United States, belonging to the Pakistani Air Force, which resulted in 30 passengers, including two innocent children, being martyred. That was an obvious

example of the violation of accepted international laws and the continuation of shameful interference in the internal affairs of the DRA.

The DRA Armed Forces, as defenders of every inch of Afghan territory, are stronger than ever, and over half a million men have taken up arms in their ranks.

Officers and soldiers of the heroic Armed Forces of the country are able to defend and safeguard with courage and devotion the revolution, national sovereignty, and territorial integrity for the nationwide restoration of peace in the country.

On this auspicious day all DRA Armed Forces personnel give an assurance to the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Revolutionary Council, and all the toiling people of the country that they are ready to defend the homeland, the people, and their revolution with courage and vigilance.

Dear compatriots, let us rise with complete unity and solidarity by extending the hand of fraternity and unity to restore peace and national reconciliation which is in accordance with the provisions of the sacred religion of Islam, and fight and struggle for the creation of a tranquil, prosperous society free from war and struggle.

Men, NCOs, officers, sisters, and brethren, let me congratulate you on the occasion of the 9th anniversary of the glorious April Revolution and wish each one of you great victories in achieving the policy of national reconciliation, an end to war and bloodshed, and the construction of a proud and progressive Afghanistan.

May the 9th anniversary of the April Revolution be auspicious! May the free-born and peace-loving people of Afghanistan be proud! Long live the DRA Armed Forces who are the confident guardian of the homeland and the revolution! National reconciliation will be victorious!

Najibullah Addresses Meeting of Academicians
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[Excerpts] Dear listeners, as you know Comrade Najib, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, took part in a grand meeting which was held on the occasion of the distribution of certificates to academicians and candidate academicians of the DRA Academy of Sciences at Delkush Palace, and distributed the certificates.

The meeting opened with a speech by Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers. Then Comrade Najib and Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand distributed the identity cards to the academicians and candidate academicians. After awarding certificates Comrade Najib, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee delivered spoke:

[Begin Najibullah recording] Esteemed learned academicians and candidate academicians of the DRA Academy of Sciences. Dear friends. It is an honor for me to take part in this meeting,

the first in the history of our country. Also for the first time Comrade M. S. Asimov, chairman of the Tajik SSR Academy of Sciences; Comrade [name indistinct], professor of Moscow State University; and Khan Ghani Khan, poet and Pashtun social figure, have received the honor of becoming honorary academicians of the DRA Academy of Sciences. [applause] [passage omitted]

Peaceful conditions are necessary for us to work and carry out our plans. Since the victory of the April Revolution, when our people took their destiny into their own hands, every attempt has been made by the imperialist forces and their servants to disrupt our secure life in our persecuted homeland. In January the PDPA displayed goodwill and declared the policy of national reconciliation. The Afghan people sincerely support the policy of national reconciliation and the cessation of war and fratricide. As a result of the policy of the PDPA and the DRA Government, prisoners were released and the process of the return of thousands of refugees to the homeland has begun. Unfortunately, imperialism and the extremist counterrevolution are creating obstacles to the policy of national reconciliation.

I think you, the people with authority and esteem, are entering the most important battle of our times in our country, the battle for the maintenance of peace in our homeland. The question as to what a true scientist wants, war or peace, is not asked, because it is a clear fact that a true scientist supports true peace. [applause] Peace means progress, education, and learning. We are indebted to all of you for your social activities for peace. [end recording] [passage omitted]

Keshtmand Meets With CSSR Foreign Minister
LD272003 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1600 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, this morning met at his office with Bohuslav Chnoupek, CSSR minister of foreign affairs. Farid Zarif, assistant to the minister of foreign affairs, was also present.

At the meeting, which was held in a friendly, warm, and comradely atmosphere, Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand informed the CSSR minister of foreign affairs of the developments concerning the process of revolutionary changes in the country and about various aspects of the policy of national reconciliation and the gains achieved in this regard. He also expressed the profound gratitude of the DRA Government and people for the friendly and fraternal cooperation of the CSSR with the people of Afghanistan.

For his part, Comrade Chnoupek, CSSR foreign minister, expressed complete satisfaction with the constant expansion and development of the friendly and fraternal relations and cooperation between the CSSR and the DRA. Once again, on behalf of the CSSR government and people, he stated profound support for the [words indistinct] of the April Revolution and the policy of national reconciliation as the sole alternative to war and the guarantor of the maintenance of nationwide peace in the DRA. He stated that the CSSR, from the very beginning of the

victory of the April Revolution, decidedly took the side of the friendly and fraternal people of Afghanistan. He added that in the future as well, the CSSR will not spare any support for the [words indistinct] further successes of the people of Afghanistan and the realization of the lofty aspirations of the policy of national reconciliation in the DRA.

A BIA correspondent reports that Comrade Chnoupek, CSSR minister of foreign affairs, and his accompanying delegation, who are on a friendly official visit to the DRA, this afternoon accompanied by Farid Zarif, assistant to the minister of foreign affairs, went to the hill of the martyrs of revolution and laid flowers. The CSSR minister of foreign affairs and the delegation accompanying him also visited various parts of the DRA Army museum.

Karachi: Rebels Shoot Down Soviet Helicopter

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0600 GMT 26 Apr 87

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan says that the mujahidin have shot down a Soviet helicopter near Nad-e 'Ali town in Helmand Province when a mujahidin base was attacked by the Soviet-Kabul forces.

The mujahidin captured a heavy machinegun, a rocket launcher, and ammunition during the operation.

They also captured a large number of Soviet-Kabul soldiers.

TIMES OF INDIA Details Pant Visit to Beijing
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[By Subhash Chakravarti]

[Text] New Delhi, April 21 -- Mr K. C. Pant literally initiated last week his new responsibility as the defence minister by talking to the Chinese top brass on the quiet in Beijing on the sensitive border issue.

The contents of Mr Pant's talks with a senior Chinese minister and two central committee members of the Chinese Communist Party are being kept a well-guarded secret. He was assisted by the former foreign secretary, Mr Romesh Bhandari.

The outcome of Mr Pant's brief mission to Beijing is known to have impressed the Indian policy-makers. The possibility of a large-scale escalation of tension on the border is thought to be exaggerated.

The speculation about a possible border showdown this summer between India and China is known to have been persistently encouraged for the past six months by the western countries, presumably to disturb India's self-confidence at a time when the country has come under diverse hostile pressure.

GOVT'S CONCERN

The fall-out of this dubious speculation on India's domestic and foreign affairs is causing concern to the government. It is not an accident that since this speculation began, President Ziaul-Haq of Pakistan has ceased even to make a pretence about making his earlier familiar friendly noises about India.

The government has lately become acutely alert about the ramifications of not so unsurprising a combination of interests inimical to the security environment of this country.

Mr Pant's visit to Beijing for a day last Friday was organised at a short notice while he was returning home from a visit to North Korea. His appointment as the new defence minister was announced when he was in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

The Chinese response to receive the new India defence minister was positive and the talks were held in a cordial atmosphere. Both sides agreed to have an early session of the official level talks in New Delhi. Indications are that the border dispute, which is the central issue in the bilateral relations, will be taken up more seriously in the next round of talks.

BORDER PEACE

Pending the outcome of the border talks both sides are likely to develop a mechanism, both at political and military levels, to prevent any deterioration or potential threat to each other's interest on the border. It is likely to be a serious exercise and both sides are prepared to give it a fair trial.

The identity of the Chinese ministers, who held talks with Mr Pant and Mr Bhandari is not being disclosed, but he is known to

be an authentic spokesman of China's top leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping.

The Chinese leader is known to have assured Mr Pant that China has no hostile designs and has accorded the highest priority to its economic development. China, according to this assessment, can hardly afford to expose its basic interests to hazards by opting for a policy which might worsen its relations with India.

Interestingly enough, the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's principal adviser on the Sino-Soviet relations, Mr M. S. Kapitsa, during his recent visit here gave a similar assessment of the Chinese compulsion. Mr Kapitsa also indicated that since Mr Gorbachov's Asia-Pacific policy, better known as the Vladivostok declaration, was announced, there had been a meaningful progress in the Sino-Soviet border talks which were being held in strict secrecy.

Gandhi Briefs Officers on Sri Lanka, Pakistan, PRC
 BK271629 Delhi Domestic Service in English
 1530 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] The prime minister said there can be no military solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. Mr Rajiv Gandhi was addressing the biannual conference of Army commanders in New Delhi today. He said it is in the interest of all that the killing should stop. He called upon the concerned parties to begin negotiations on the basis of the proposals of 19th December. He expressed concern over the involvement of outside forces in Sri Lanka and the increasing visits of naval vessels from other countries.

The prime minister cautioned the generals about the new challenges posed to the country's security by the acquisition of sophisticated arms by Pakistan. He said the latest U.S. military aid package to that country is formidable and we must be prepared to meet any situation. He said recent Pakistani statements have confirmed that it is rushing headlong towards becoming a nuclear weapon state posing a new threat to bilateral, regional, and global peace.

Mr Gandhi said India wants to settle the boundary question with China through peaceful negotiations. We want to maintain peace and tranquility all along the border. But we must be careful not to be taken by surprise. The prime minister emphasized the need for self-reliance and indigenous defense production if the country is to become a major power.

Referring to the controversy over some arms deal, he said the government will not hesitate to inquire into any matter provided there is a basis for that. He said there will be no shift from the clearly laid down procedures for selection and purchase of equipment, nor will there be any middlemen or nongovernmental agents. He said those who violate these rules will be brought to book. He said the negotiations on purchase of the 155-mm Swedish Howitzers were meticulously handled.

During his hour-long speech the prime minister reviewed the security environment and also covered international developments. He said the Soviet Union is keen to pull out from

Afghanistan. But Pakistan appears to have a vested interest in keeping the Afghan problem alive. He expressed the hope that the Geneva disarmament talks will lead to a new super power summit to pave the way for a meaningful settlement.

Mr Gandhi commended the Armed Forces for their role both in war and peace. He said they are among the best in the world.

The defense minister, Mr K.C. Pant, also addressed the conference.

Tiwari Urges Resumption of Sri Lanka Talks

*BK280331 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 28 Apr 87*

[Text] India has called upon the Sri Lankan Government and the militants to resume peace negotiations on the basis of the December proposals. Expressing concern and anguish over the recent developments in the island, the external affairs minister, Mr Tiwari, urged all parties involved in the ethnic issue to exercise maximum restraint. He was replying to a 2-day debate on the working of his ministry in the Rajya Sabha yesterday.

Mr Tiwari condemned the escalation of violence and regretted that hundreds of civilians are being killed in the Tamil-dominated Jaffna district in aerial bombings. Appreciating the feelings of the members, especially those from Tamil Nadu, the minister affirmed that the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka is a problem of the entire country. Mr Tiwari also touched upon India's relations with other neighbouring countries and reiterated the government's determination to develop friendly ties with them.

During the debate, several members expressed concern over the supply of sophisticated weapons to Pakistan and the recent happenings in Sri Lanka.

Tamil Nadu State Announces Aid for Sri Lankan Tamils

*BK271400 Hong Kong AFP in English 1313 GMT
27 Apr 87*

[Text] New Delhi, April 27 (AFP) — The southern Indian State of Tamil Nadu Monday announced a 3.2 million dollar aid package for Sri Lankan Tamils, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) reported. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran told PTI the aid would be sent through relief organisations of Sri Lankan Tamils based in Madras, the state capital.

The announcement came a day after three of the five major Tamil militant groups called for unity among the guerrilla ranks and asked for India's support to fight the island government's troops.

Mr. Ramachandran, who was born in Sri Lanka's Kandy Province, said the aid would go toward providing food, clothes and medicines for Tamils in the island's north and east. PTI quoted him as saying the relief would not be sent through the Sri Lankan Government as "there was no way of ensuring that the aid would

reach the affected Tamils." There was no immediate comment from the Sri Lankan High Commission here.

The 3.2-million-dollar aid was part of the 50 million rupees (four million dollars) collected as donations in the state since widespread anti-Tamil rioting erupted in Sri Lanka in mid-1983.

More than 50 million Indian Tamils live in Tamil Nadu, which is also home to some 128,000 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees. All five major Tamil militant groups have offices in Madras.

Mr. Ramachandran discussed with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi here last week the Sri Lankan military offensive now underway in the northern Jaffna region, following a bomb explosion in Colombo last Tuesday that left at least 109 dead.

Sri Lanka blamed the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS) and its ally, the powerful Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), for the blast. The LTTE enjoys close ties with Tamil Nadu's ruling all India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) Party.

Mr. Ramachandran, AIADMK's undisputed leader, told the news agency that Sri Lankan Tamils needed assistance on "humanitarian grounds" and described the separatist guerrillas as "freedom fighters".

Pant Says U.S. Ignoring Pakistan's Nuclear Program

*BK221607 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 22 Apr 87*

[Text] The defense minister, Mr K. C. Pant, has said that the United States is helping Pakistan to have a technological edge over India by supplying sophisticated weapons to that country. He said this would need to be countered through matching acquisition and by planning an adequate strategy. Mr Pant was addressing the biannual conference of the Air Force commanders in New Delhi today.

He said it is apparent that the United States is willing to ignore Pakistan's acquisition of capability for manufacturing nuclear weapons. Mr Pant said the Sino-Pak-American linkage has its obvious influence on military and political ties among the three countries extending into the area of nuclear technology.

Opposition Chief Ministers Discuss Defense Deal

*BK251656 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 25 Apr 87*

[Text] Six non-Congress-I chief ministers met in New Delhi today in an attempt to forge a front of like-minded parties with common economic and social programs. Briefing a crowded news conference at the end of the meeting, the West Bengal chief minister, Mr Jyoti Basu, said their ultimate aim is to provide a viable national alternative without merging their individual identities. He said during the 3-hour deliberations, he along with the chief ministers of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tripura, and Punjab discussed central-state relations and the economic and political situation in the country.

The meeting expressed concern over the controversy on the defense deals and wanted parliament to conduct a probe and, if necessary, hold a secret session to go into the matter. It wanted the Sarkaria commission [dealing with center-state relations] report to be completed at the earliest.

Mr Basu said that a meeting of like-minded parties will be convened by Mr N.T. Rama Rao [chief minister of Andhra Pradesh] next month to discuss political issues, including the election of the president. He said the next meeting of the chief ministers will be convened by Mr Hegde [chief minister of Karnataka] either at Bangalore or Delhi in June.

Today's meeting also complained against the misuse of the official media. They demanded that Doordarshan [Television] second channel be left to the states to enable them to project their programs.

The leader of the Asom Gana Parishad parliamentary party, Mr Dinesh Goswami, attended as an observer.

The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, hosted a tea party in honor of the six non-Congress-I chief ministers in the evening.

Upendra Demands Expanded Inquiry

*BK271125 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 27 Apr 87*

[Text] In the Rajya Sabha today, Mr P. Uyyendra, Telugu Desam [Party], demanded that the terms of reference of the Thakkar Commission inquiring into the Fairfax issue should be expanded to include the allegations of illegal funds held by Indians abroad.

Raising the matter during zero hour he referred to an interview with Mr V.P. Singh [former finance minister] published in a newspaper in which Mr Singh reportedly wanted the commission to go into the funds abroad. The chairman, Mr R. Venkataraman, asked the finance minister to take note of the demand of the Telug Desam member and give his reply.

State Minister on Local Production of Weapons

*BK241419 Delhi General Overseas Service
in English 1330 GMT 24 Apr 87*

[Text] This 155-mm Bofors guns are to be produced in the country. This was announced by the minister of state for defense production, Mr Shiv Raj Patil, in the lower house of parliament

today. He said the agreement for the purchase of these guns incorporates transfer of technology. A detailed project report is being prepared. The gun will be produced at one of the six new ordnance factories being set up at a cost of 1,800 crore rupees.

Mr Patil was intervening in the discussion on the demand for grants of the Defense Ministry. The minister also announced that T-72 tanks and improved version of infantry combat vehicles, called MBP, will roll out from Avadi and Medak ordnance factories in the next months and join the Indian Army.

The minister told the house that the government has decided to involve the private sector in the production of the low cost small items. The ordnance factories will concentrate on producing sophisticated items. The low cost items like blankets, boots, mosquito nets, and wooden boxes will be allowed to be manufactured by the cooperatives, small-scale, and private sector.

Mr Patil assured the house there will no retrenchment in the ordnance factories and their existing capacities will be fully utilized.

Replying to a question, Mr Patil said technology developed at the Defense Research and Development Organization for low level radar — Indira I and Indira II — has been transferred to Bharat Electronics Limited. These will be available by next year.

6 Killed, 1 Injured by 'Terrorists' in Punjab

*BK271119 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 27 Apr 87*

[Text] In Punjab, six persons, including 1 Border Security Force [BSF] inspector and an old woman, were killed and one person injured by terrorists in separate incidents since last night. In Gurdaspur District, an inspector was shot dead when some unidentified gunmen fired at a BSF post in village Atwal. Other incidents of killings were reported from Hoshiarpur and Amritsar Districts.

Gunmen Free Terrorists on Trial

*BK271246 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 27 Apr 87*

[Text] Some unidentified gunmen attacked a police party in the district court in Amritsar this afternoon and secured the release of three under-trial terrorists. The attack took place when the undertrials were being escorted out of court. One rickshaw puller was killed and two police constables were injured in the attack.

Shi'ite Leader Calls For Banishing U.S. Fleet*BK261332 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English
14 Apr 87 p 8*

[Text] Peshawar, April 13: The chief of the Tehrik-e Nefaz-e Fiqh Jafria, Pakistan, Syed Arif Hussain al-Hussaini, [Shi'ite leader] has demanded that the American naval fleet should be banished from Pakistan's waters to uphold national pride and reassure neighbouring countries which are worried on this count.

In a Press statement, he warned that the continued presence of U.S. ships in Karachi harbour could damage Pakistan's ties with other states. He alleged that American Marines were creating moral degradation in Karachi due to their unhindered movements there.

The Democratic Students Federation, Peshawar University, has also criticised the American naval presence in Pak waters and termed it as an interference in Pakistan's affairs.

THE MUSLIM Criticizes U.S. Port Call in Karachi*BK261334 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English
14 Apr 87 p 4*

[Editorial: "More Than a Courtesy Call"]

[Text] The docking of the U.S. naval vessels of the 7th Fleet at Karachi port has been heralded and presented as a token goodwill visit. But is it? Certainly, the scale of the visit coming at a sensitive period of our history, indicates something more than a courtesy call. The docking of the vessels was preceded by Admiral Crowe's visit. The Admiral is Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — the senior most military commander in the United States.

Amidst public reservations, the Pakistan President has decided to visit one of the anchored ships. He is perfectly entitled to do so. It has been reported that calls of this nature have been made by President Suharto of Indonesia and King Hassan of Morocco (not the most non-aligned company to keep). The President's visit can, therefore, be construed as an index of expanding commitments with the United States and, in a related vein, a complicating element in the process to get the Soviets to quit Afghanistan.

The examples of Suharto has reversed the populist legacy of Sukarno and maintains a cool distance from China. Hassan is in need of U.S. help in the guerrilla insurgency led by Polisario in Western Sahara. Both are now insulated from the Mainstream of Third World politics because of their reliance on outside patrons. Pakistan cannot afford to follow suit.

Asghar Khan Says Blasts Result of Afghan Policy*BK261515 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 17 Apr 87 p 8*

[By Tariq Butt]

[Text] Islamabad, April 16 — Air Marshal (Retd) Asghar Khan, Chairman Tehrik-e Istiqlal, said on Thursday that recurring bomb explosions were a sequel to the Afghan policy adopted by

the rulers. He was addressing a reception organised by Raja Bashir advocate at the Chowk Pandori, about 20 kilometers from here. The Tehrik chief cynically remarked while referring to the Kashmiri Bazaar car bomb blast. "This is just the beginning of a horrible end." He said he had attempted to impress upon the rulers for the past seven years to change their policy on Afghanistan but had failed.

Asghar Khan said the regime did not heed his call and pursued a policy which benefited and was approved by the Americans. He felt that undoubtedly our present Afghan stand would prove disastrous for the country.

He said there were strong allegations that the saboteurs trained here indulge in planting bombs in Afghanistan to cause damage to the people and property and create panic there.

The former Air Marshal said foreign print media had been publishing stories accusing Pakistan of sponsoring terrorist activities in Afghanistan.

The Tehrik chief commented bitterly that the Americans had dragged our country into the Afghan quagmire and it was becoming increasingly difficult for us to wriggle out of it. He counselled the rulers to change this policy and hammer out a solution by negotiating directly with the Kabul regime.

He said the bomb explosions would naturally come to an end when the Afghan issue was amicably resolved. He felt that these blasts could not be controlled by reinforcing the police strength.

Criticising the regime, Asghar Khan said the nation owed six billions US dollars to foreign countries when Gen. Zia took over but at present we were indebted to the tune of 14 billion dollars. He said the corruption, kickbacks, unemployment and dishonesty had increased many fold during the recent years.

The Tehrik chief said the rulers were helpless in arresting these scourges. Rather they encouraged them, he alleged. He said these vices were weakening the very roots of the country. He accused the bureaucrats of eating up Rs. 80 billion annually.

Asghar Khan further alleged that loot and plunder was perpetrated by the rulers in the name of Islam. the poor and down-trodden were exploited by them. People were not provided cheap justice. They were left languishing in cumbersome court procedures.

He said his party manifesto provided a solution to all socioeconomics and was aimed at doing away with feudalism, exploitation and capitalism. He promised that the Tehrik when voted to office would implement its manifesto in letter and spirit.

The Tehrik chief was critical of Prime Minister Junejo's visit to two European countries when the people were being killed by bomb blasts in the country.

Zafar Ali Khan, Fazal Bhatti and Raja Bashir advocate also addressed the reception. Umar Asghar Khan was among the participants.

SRI LANKA

Security Minister Interviewed by British TV
BK271205 Colombo International Service in English
 1045 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] In a live interview linking Colombo and the United Kingdom via satellite yesterday, the minister of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, gave splendid display of tact and understanding of the present problem and answered the questions candidly. A dispatch from the London correspondent of *Lanka Puwath* says that some of the pushiest questions were put to him on the present situation in Sri Lanka by the presenter of the "World This Week" program on TV broadcast live to British viewers. The questions covered a wide range of problems faced by Sri Lanka so far, and Mr Athulathmudali was able to tell the whole world how the government was trying hard to tackle and end the problem, while hard-core terrorists were trying to win the war for their own end.

The minister was confronted by two terrorist representatives from the LTTE [Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam] and EROS [Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students] groups in the London studio. The two terrorists tried very hard to deny responsibility for the recent killings in Trincomalee and Colombo while blatantly accusing the Government of Sri Lanka and the Sinhalese people of atrocities against the Tamils.

Bus Station Bombing Death Toll Rises to 113
BK280952 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English
 0905 GMT 28 Apr 87

[Text] Colombo, April 28 (*Lanka Puwath*) — The death toll in the Pettah central bus station [bombing], Colombo rose to 113 last night, hospital sources told *Lanka Puwath* today. The Sri Lankan Rehabilitation Ministry, which is in charge of providing assistance to the victims, recorded that 336 victims (including the dead and wounded) were admitted at the Colombo General Hospital, Sri Jaywardenepura Hospital and the Colombo South Hospital, Kalubowila soon after the bomb blast.

The ministry has already provided over rupees four lakhs for funeral and other expenses of these victims, senior assistant director to the ministry Tilak Khandrabekere told *Lanka Puwath*. Several non-governmental organisations too provided aid including transportation of the bodies of the dead to their respective villages. Twenty unidentified bodies were buried in Colombo yesterday.

Voice of Tamil Eelam Reports Indian, Colombo Moves
BK271315 (Clandestine) Voice of Tamil Eelam
 in Tamil 1330 GMT 24 Apr 87

[Text] Our New Delhi correspondent reports that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran, a close friend of the leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam — LTTE [Velupillai Prabhakaran], met Indian Vice President R. Venkataraman today and discussed with him the emergency situation in Jaffna

peninsula and had talks with Prime Minister Gandhi a short while ago. The details of these talks are not immediately known.

Meanwhile, the parliamentary group of the Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam [ruling party in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu] has urged Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government through the Tamil Nadu chief minister to act immediately in a proper manner to bring down the military action of the Sri Lankan Government forces on Jaffna which is under the control of the freedom fighters of Tamil Eelam. Informed sources say that the Sri Lankan Government has informed New Delhi of its action after the Colombo bomb blast. These reports allege that the New Delhi government has advised the Jayewardene government in Colombo to take some sort of military action quickly against the freedom fighters before the onset of waves of opposition in Tamil Nadu. The ruling and opposition party members of the Sri Lankan Parliament who were enraged by the massacres in Trincomalee and parts of Colombo recently have urged the government to take immediate military action against the LTTE. Our foreign news correspondent reported that the Sri Lankan Parliament witnessed uproarious scenes yesterday. Many opposition members vehemently condemned the Jayewardene government. Leader of Mahajana Eksath Peramuna Dinesh Gunawardena urged that the government should resign and give way for those who can put down terrorism.

Meanwhile, an All India Radio report quoted the opposition leader Anura Bandaranaike, who spoke in the discussions after the extension of emergency, as saying that the recent massacres have relevance to the Israeli detective agency. The full details of the continuing debates in the Parliament have not reached our station so far.

The Sri Lankan Government parliamentary group unanimously announced its full support to the cabinet approval toward action against the militants yesterday. Our foreign news correspondent from there [Colombo] quoted the observers in Colombo as saying that although there is the risk of affecting the international goodwill the Sri Lankan Government is unanimous and firm in its action against the Tamil militants.

Our correspondent says that besides this a group headed by the Buddhist monks which (?visited) the hospital where the bodies of those killed in the recent bomb blast were kept, vehemently scolded the government and later they were arrested while leading a procession. He further says that the police used tear gas against the processionists, arrested them and remanded them into custody. When they were released later, the monks went to the ancient Buddhist spot (Kalani Vihara) and launched a fast against the government. The monks shouted antigovernment slogans such as rule properly, or quit. Political observers in Colombo expressed their opinion that as the concerted pressures of parochialism and racism stemming from the opposition side further pressurize the Sri Lankan Jayewardene government, it might toughen its stand. And these pressures might coerce the government to resort to military power and only then it would be able to satisfy the enraged Sinhalese people by some way or other. But the Indian prime minister also faces the same problems from about 22 miles to the north [Indian state of Tamil Nadu]. Let us wait and see.

Afghan Mujahidin Hold Protest March in Tehran*LD271251 Tehran IRNA in English 1155 GMT 27 Apr 87*

[Text] Tehran, April 27, IRNA — Afghan mujahideen residing in Iran held a protest march here Monday condemning the Soviet-backed Kabul regime and urging the unconditional withdrawal of the occupying Soviet forces from their homeland.

The march, held on the 9th anniversary of the communist-designed coup in Afghanistan, called for restoration of the right of Afghan people in determining their own fate. The marchers, denouncing plots of imperialist powers to restore ex-King Zahir Shah to power in Afghanistan rejected any compromise with agents of the superpowers.

The peaceful march ended with the issuing of a 13-point resolution, in which decried the Moscow-backed Kabul regime in stupefying the people, false allegations of Kabul Radio on the return of Afghan refugees to their country, and a political solution to the Afghan issue were strongly condemned. The marchers also pledged their support for the Islamic movement in Egypt, Lebanon and Palestine and appreciated the correct stance of the Islamic Republic of Iran towards the Geneva talks.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the 10-party Shi'ite and Sunni Afghan mujahideen, Hashemi Lolanji, told IRNA that victory of the Islamic revolution in Afghanistan could not only set afire the Kremlin, but its flames would engulf the White House as well.

On indirect negotiations between Pakistan and Afghanistan, the spokesman said that Afghanistan belonged to the oppressed Afghan people and, therefore, they should determine their own fate.

On Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's proposal for withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan, Lolanji said that Gorbachev well knew that a crippling coup against him was underway and therefore in case he failed in having control over world public opinion, he could not eradicate internal opponents.

Reports on the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan, could be compared to past events in Czechoslovakia and East Germany, the spokesman said, adding that Soviet officials fearing of the revolt of Soviet military personnel abroad, decided to summon their dissident generals in order to control them.

Moreover, he added, the issue was not merely confined to the withdrawal of forces. Hundreds of Afghan children and youths had been kidnapped by the Soviets, the Soviet had not paid for the Afghan gas they were using for a long time, and also for killing over one millions Afghans.

He said that they would ask for reparations from the Soviet Union, adding that the Afghanistan issue would not be solved through political negotiations but rather through the armed continuation of the Islamic revolution.

Stressing the necessity of unity among Shi'ite and Sunni Afghan Muslims in their united fight against plots of the joint enemy, the U.S. and the USSR, he said that minor differences among some

of the mujahideen groups should not be considered ideological but rather these were political differences of opinion.

Several Afghans Arrested*LD281355 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 28 Apr 87*

[Excerpt] During a news conference, Interior Minister Mohtashami commented on wearing proper Islamic dress and observing Islamic regulations during the holy month of Ramadan. While stressing that the problem of insufficient Islamic dress [hejab] and the pursuit of prostitution and other forbidden acts is a Western phenomenon, the interior minister said: The mass media — that is the radio, television, and the press — should launch a big cultural move and play an active role eradicating this colonial phenomenon. He added: The government will never permit some people to take advantage of Islamic revolution norms and unknowingly resort to some deeds which might insult public sanctity.

While emphasizing that improper observance of Islamic dress, prostitution, and the perpetuation of other forbidden matters will be dealt with strongly, the interior minister referred to the bill on combatting these problems, the generalities of which were recently approved by the cabinet and governors general, and said: The government Cultural Commission has been assigned the task of investigating and reviewing the details of this bill, and it will be implemented after its final ratification.

About staging marches and demonstrations, the interior minister said: Any march or rally must be authorized by the Interior Ministry and permission will be granted provided the route of the march and its objective is stated clearly. Such authorization in other cities and towns should be obtained from governors general and governors. Otherwise, no permission will be granted for staging marches.

During this press conference, Interior Minister Mohtashami, while approving yesterday morning's march by Afghans residing in Iran, said: Yesterday afternoon a group of Afghans staged demonstrations without permission from the Interior Ministry. This group intended to approach the Soviet Embassy, but were prevented by the timely intervention of the security forces. Several Afghans were arrested and are now being questioned.

The Interior Ministry, while stressing the need for observing Islamic attire in the holy month of Ramadan, called upon the people to feel more dutybound in this holy month to observe Islamic regulations. He added: During the daylight hours no hotel, restaurant, tea house, or other public place will be permitted to be active openly, and passengers [as heard] should also refrain from eating in public. [passage omitted]

Khomeyni Promotes High-Ranking Military Officers*LD281207 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 26 Apr 87*

[Text] On the proposal of Khamene'i, the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, Imam Khomeyni, the commander in

chief of the Armed Forces, agreed to promote 10 high-ranking officers of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The text of the letter by the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council to the imam of the ummah is as follows:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. To the exalted presence of the great leader of the Islamic revolution and supreme commander in chief of the Armed Forces, His Holiness Imam Khomeyni, may his lofty shadow long continue! In view of the valuable services and continuous efforts of those mentioned below during the imposed war, it is requested that you graciously honor them by bestowing the following ranks on them:

Brigadier General Qasem 'Ali Zahirnezhad, the representative of the Imam in the Supreme Defense Council, to the rank of major general;

Colonel 'Ali Seyyed-Shirazi, the representative of the imam in the Supreme Defense Council to the rank of brigadier general;

Colonel Esma'il Sohrabi, the chairman of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran [IRI], to the rank of brigadier general;

Minister of Defense Colonel 'Alali, to the rank of brigadier general;

Colonel Hasani-Sa'di, commander of the IRI Ground Forces, to the rank of brigadier general;

Colonel Mansur Sattari, the commander of the IRI Air Force, to the rank of brigadier general;

Captain Malekzadegan, the commander of the IRI Navy, to the rank of rear admiral [daryadar];

Former Defense Minister Colonel Salimi, to the rank of brigadier general;

Colonel Mo'inpur, the former commander of the Air Force, to the rank of brigadier general; and

Colonel Baba'i, deputy commander of the Air Force in charge of operations, to the rank of brigadier general.

[Signed] Iranian President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i

The text of the reply by his holiness the imam is as follows:

In his exalted name. It is agreed. We hope that, God willing, with the unity of expression among all the fighting forces, the high ideals of Islam will be realized.

[Signed] Ruhollah al-Musavi al-Khomeyni, 28 April 1987

Khomeyni Receives Visiting Lebanese Muslims

LD271727 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1630 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] A large number of families of Lebanese martyrs and Lebanese Hizballahi fighters who are visiting Iran at the invitation of the Martyrs' Foundation, this morning met with the imam of the ummah [Ayatollah Khomeyni] at Jamaran Hoseyniyeh [Khomeyni's residence in Tehran].

At this meeting, which was also attended by Interior Minister Mohtashami, the revolutionary and fighting Lebanese guests expressed their warm and indescribable sentiments and renewed

their pledge to the imam of the ummah that they will continue their Islamic struggle against Zionist and imperialism until their last breath, and that they will continue their ceaseless struggle until the establishment of Islamic sovereignty and the destruction of Zionism in the region.

The imam of the ummah responded to their sincere and warm sentiments at the meeting with the Hizballahi and revolutionary Lebanese Muslims.

Khamene'i Addresses College Graduates

LD271918 Tehran IRNA in English 1542 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] Tehran, April 27, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i said here Monday that Iran's neither-East-nor-West policy and its reliance on the people is inherent in the foreign policy dictum of the Islamic Republic. Speaking to graduates of the Foreign Relations College, affiliated to the Iranian Foreign Ministry, President Khamene'i said that Iran is exercising "serious" diplomacy in the world.

The president said "what we offer in moral and political principles is unprecedented as diplomacy in the world." "Sincerity, explicitness, non-reliance on big powers and piety are among our political principles," Khamene'i said. "These moral and political principles are unacceptable to the status quo diplomacy," he added.

Khamene'i who is also head of the Supreme Defence Council (SDC) described the 'neither-East-nor-West' anti-colonial policy of Iran as a "new phenomena." "We are familiar with the pains of world nations. We are a friend to these nations and feel responsible for them. We sympathize with them in their quest to obtain their rights at a time when no other diplomatic bodies in the world pay attention to the oppressed nations whose wealth is plundered," stated the president.

The SDC head said that Iran's support for nations takes precedence over its relations with their governments. He noted that the Islamic revolution of Iran has generated great panic among many world leaders. The Islamic revolution is becoming all the more appealing to world people despite hostile propaganda of the global arrogance, the president said.

Majlis Speaker Visits Theological School 26 Apr

LD270938 Tehran IRNA in English 0730 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] Tehran, April 27, IRNA — Students and staff of the 'Shahid (martyr) Hojjat ol-Eslam Shahabadi Theological School' met Majlis speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani here Sunday. The Majlis speaker praised services of martyr Hojjat ol-Eslam Shahabadi in promoting Islam and his contribution to the Islamic revolution of Iran.

Referring to the responsibilities of theological students, Hojjat ol-Eslam Rafsanjani said that they should do their best to be merit students both in terms of knowledge and religious values.

In another part of his speech referring to the keen interest shown by women to attend theological schools, he said the ball has started rolling and women are registering at theological schools in various provincial cities. Efforts should be made, he pointed out, that it does not fail, because its failure, would be a historical disaster for Islam.

Industry Minister Departs for Turkish Talks

LD272120 Tehran IRNA in English 1712 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] Tehran, April 27, IRNA — Heavy Industries Minister Behzad Nabavi left here for Turkey Monday to participate in the fifth Tehran-Ankara Joint Economic Commission meet during which the two countries are to ink a letter of understanding on trade exchanges and bilateral economic cooperation.

Minutes before his departure Nabavi told reporters that the commission meet is being held after a four-month delay to study economic and technical cooperation between the two neighbouring countries.

According to a protocol signed between the two countries last year, Nabavi said 600 million dollars worth of Iranian oil was exported to Turkey, and Iran purchased Turkish commodities valued at 700 million dollars in return. There was, however, a little delay in Iranian oil exports to Turkey, Nabavi noted.

Nabavi said despite the agreement the Turkish side purchased only one percent of 500 million dollars worth of Iranian non-oil goods, which he attributed to "difficulties", but did not elaborate.

During his four-day visit to Ankara Nabavi is to hold talks with Turkish officials on the purchase of basic goods from Turkey such as metals as well as on issues relevant to transportation between the two countries. He will also confer with that country's officials on the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi to Turkey.

A 100-man Iranian delegation headed by Deputy Commerce Minister Mohammad-Javad Vahhaji is currently in Turkey to discuss grounds for further expansion of Tehran-Ankara relations.

Iran exports goods like Renault cars, mini-buses as well as agriculture products and spare parts for tractors and road-building machinery to Turkey. It plans also to export sparks plugs, ballbearings for compressors as well as cement and tiles to that country.

Ministers Inspect New Tehran Bomb Shelters

*NC280625 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
0430 GMT 28 Apr 87*

[Excerpt] Mr Mirzadeh, the deputy prime minister and chief of headquarters for the support of bombed areas, and Mr Zanganeh, construction jihad minister, have inspected shelters under construction in southern Tehran, a project sponsored by the Construction Jihad Ministry. The deputy prime minister and the

construction jihad minister also visited the Dr Shari'ati Educational Complex, where 19 shelters have recently been built.

After the inspection, Mr Mirzadeh expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Construction Jihad in building shelters in schools in southern Tehran. He asked them to implement new designs of shelter construction so that they may also be useful in times of peace. He added: In order to make Tehran's schools invincible to Saddam's brutality, 2,762 shelters have been planned, and work on 717 shelters and 367 trenches is near completion. [passage omitted]

UN Team Visits Iraqi Gas Victims in Bakhtaran Clinic

LD272151 Tehran IRNA in English 1823 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] Bakhtaran, April 27, IRNA — A fact-finding team, dispatched by the United Nations to inspect the effects of Iraqi chemical attacks on western and southern Iran and on Iraqi Kurdistan, on Monday visited a clinic here where they examined and interviewed chemically-wounded Iraqi Kurds.

A physician of the clinic informed the U.N. team that the wounded people had been affected by mustard gas used in Iraqi chemical raids on northern regions of Iraq.

Omar Manazadeh, a 26 year-old Kurd from Barezan in Iraqi Kurdistan told the U.N. delegation that after 12 Iraqi airplanes had dropped chemical bombs on Barezan on April 16, he smelled an acrid odour suggesting that of garlic and immediately fell unconscious. Asked how he had been transferred to the clinic, he replied that because he was unable to see he knew nothing about how or by whom he had been transferred there.

Another chemically-wounded Kurd said, in response to a question as to how he had felt after being afflicted by Iraqi toxic gases, that he had smelled a bad odour, had found it difficult to breathe and had felt his body burning during the chemical bombing.

Tehran Reports Recent Kurdish Battle Successes

*LD271507 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1930 GMT 27 Apr 87*

[Text] According to a report from the high command of the triple forces of the Guards Corps, following the capturing of the city of Qaradagh in Iraq, by the combatants of Ramadan Headquarters and the combatants of the Patriotic Union of Iraqi Kurdistan [PUK], the Ba'thist Zionist regime of Baghdad staged repeated attacks and chemical bombardments, intending to capture the city, but it was defeated. According to this report, the heroic and combative people of the city are at present defending the city, to protect their children.

According to another report from Ramadan Headquarters, during the past few days, the forces under the command of that headquarters with the cooperation of the PUK forces carried out a series of operations in the town of (Shilatbegi), setting alight a number of government and military targets, including the district office and the Suj Muhammad Kalha area of the town and inflicted heavy losses and casualties.

The PUK forces also staged an ambush on the Zakhu-(Batufah) road, destroying two personnel carriers and a cannon together with its carriage.

Following this operation, the Ramadan Headquarters forces attacked the headquarters of Bizab Brigade, killing dozens of personnel and capturing five. During the operation, more than 50 percent of the installations of the brigade was destroyed by the forces of Islam.

According to the same report, the PUK forces attacked the town of (Sarsang), killing Khalil Muhammad, the official in charge of the Ba'th Party organization, and one of the officials of Khatifah Battalion, and three members of the (?popular army).

In the Zakhu sector, Garpa village, three members of the (?popular army) were captured by the peshmerga, a military vehicle; and a 82-mm mortar-launcher were destroyed, and quantities of light and semi-heavy weapons were captured.

Iraqi Commander Cited on Troops' 'Weak Morale'
LD271913 Tehran IRNA in English 1810 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] Karbala'-10 operational region, April 27, IRNA — An Iraqi POW disclosed that the Baghdad regime is now employing a new "trick" for compensating its shortage of manpower at the battlefronts. Iraqi Commander Major Moshtaq Taleb [name as received] of Commando Battalion, Division 14 captured Sunday night during the Karbala'-10 operations, told IRNA that weak morale and shortage of manpower forces in the Iraqi army has caused numerous problems for the regime ruling in Iraq.

The Baghdad government has resorted to a new trick to dispatch forces to the fronts, said the POW adding that, it gives forces intensive training as police and sends them to the war fronts.

He said they are usually killed or captured by the Muslim combatants of Iran at the outset of the operations.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,819
LD271653 Tehran IRNA in English 1643 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] Tehran, April 27, IRNA — A cargo ship suspected of carrying goods for Iraq was intercepted in the Strait of Hormuz and escorted to a southern Iranian port for thorough inspection by Iranian naval gunboats on Sunday, reported a military communique here Monday.

The 2819th Joint Staff communique said that the Navy gunboats also intercepted and inspected six other cargo ships and oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz yesterday but allowed them to continue voyage after finding no suspicious cargo on board.

At least 25 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and five enemy gun emplacements, one 106-mm gun, several machine-guns and one vehicle destroyed in Khushk and Zobeydeh, southern fronts, Sunday in artillery duels with Iranian Muslim combatants.

Iranian Gendarmerie forces shelled Iraqi positions in parts of the western and southern fronts yesterday, killing a number of enemy soldiers and destroying one command jeep and five bunkers of theirs.

Two Iraqi warplanes violating the airspace of Marivan, north-western fronts, Sunday were forced to flee without carrying out any missions by Iranian anti-aircraft fire.

In the northwestern fronts, an Iranian patrol convoy discovered and seized 200 mines and a large amount of weapons during its mission yesterday. Other convoys of Iranian patrols carried out successful intelligence-gathering missions in these fronts.

Parts of Iraqi positions and a truck carrying enemy personnel were destroyed in a western theater Sunday when hit by artillery fire of Iranian Muslim combatants.

Iranian artillery fire checked Iraqi engineering operations in Qasr-e Shirin, western fronts, Sunday, the communique concluded.

IRGC Brigade Destroys Iraqi Post
LD271659 Tehran IRNA in English 1646 GMT 27 Apr 87

[Text] Baneh, Kurdistan Prov., April 27, IRNA — Headquarters of Iraqi Division 39 in the city of Surah Qalat was destroyed by the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) special brigade, in continuation of Fath-5 attack launched in Al-Sulaymaniyah, Chuwartah and Mawat axes on April 15.

During the operations Muslim combatants destroyed Iraqi bases in Karizah District, killing and wounding a group of enemy soldiers.

Meanwhile, special airborne brigade under the command of IRGC Ramadan Headquarters destroyed enemy bases on 'Ezmer' heights, killing or wounding over 400 Iraqi soldiers. Bodies of Iraqi colonel Emad Yassin and Lieutenant Colonel Ines Chris, [names as received] two residents of Baghdad, are among the dead.

'Karbala'-10' Phase 3 Announced
LD280914 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0906 GMT 28 Apr 87

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] According to reports from Khatem ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the forces of monotheism have commenced the third phase of "Karbala'-10" operations and have inflicted further heavy blows on the Ba'thist forces.

More reports will be brought to the attention of the heroic nation later.

Sulaymaniyah Areas Taken

*LD280928 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
0907 GMT 28 Apr 87*

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] O you, the Muslim ummah: On the basis of a report from the "Karbala'-10" operational theater, last night the mighty warriors of the corps of monotheism liberated another large region of the Iraqi Province of Sulaymaniyah and took new positions during the third phase of the victorious "Karbala'-10" operations. The forces of Islam, backed by undiminishing divine succor, succeeded in mopping up the villages of Zhawli and Guran of filth of the Saddamists' presence. A large number of Iraqi troops were killed during these operations.

450 Iraqis Killed in 3d Phase

*LD280933 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
0921 GMT 28 Apr 87*

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention: In the third phase of operation "Karbala'-10" the forces of Islam penetrated 25 km inside Iraqi soil, in Sulaymaniyah Province, liberated a number of villages, and captured the important and sensitive Heights 1595, 1693, 999, and the heights overlooking the military township of Mawat. They were stationed on these high peaks.

During this phase of the operation, the forces of Islam killed or wounded more than 450 Ba'hist forces, bringing the number of enemy troops killed or wounded to over 3,100.

Successful Operations Detailed

LD281000 Tehran IRNA in English 0947 GMT 28 Apr 87

[Text] Karbala'-10 Operational Region, April 28, IRNA — Muslim forces of Iran launched the third phase of the ongoing Karbala'-10 operations Monday night, killing 1,000 more Iraqi troops and liberating a vast area of Iraqi territory. In this victorious blitz attack, 14 Iraqi brigades and battalions were completely smashed and by liberating several more strategic

heights, Muslim combatants purged four villages in northeastern Iraq of Iraqi forces.

Commando battalions of Divisions 29 and 39, Battalion 60, Battalion 12, Difa' al-Watani (national defence) battalion 108, battalion 4 of commando brigade 1 of the Third Corps, Battalion 1 of Brigade 2 of the Sixth Corps, independent commando battalion of the First Corps, commando battalions of mechanised divisions 1 and 35, battalion 2 of Infantry Brigade 502, Infantry Brigade 114, Commando Battalion guarding the Kirkuk oilfields (dispatched to the area), and Infantry Brigade 36 with three battalions were all completely destroyed.

Most of the said units had suffered losses in the first and second phase of the operations, and were totally smashed in the third stage, launched Monday night.

Meanwhile, 150 more Iraqi troops were captured by Muslim forces, among whom are several officers and NCO's, increasing the number of Iraqi POW's in the operations to 300.

Muslim combatants are having full control over the Mawat Military Township and a number of strategic heights. Fighting is still continuing with Iranian forces holding the upper hand.

2 Iraqi Commanders Captured

LD281036 Tehran IRNA in English 1004 GMT 28 Apr 87

[Text] Karbala'-10 Operational Region, April 28, IRNA — Two Iraqi battalion commanders were captured in the third stage of the Karbala'-10 operations started inside northeastern Iraq Monday night. The two commanders Tareq Mahmoud Qamis and Moshtaq Ghaleb Salem [names as received] commanded the Second Battalion of Infantry Brigade 28 and Commando Battalion of Division 14, respectively.

The two battalions were destroyed by 60 to 80 percent in this stage of the operations, and Moshtaq Ghaleb Salem was among the injured.

Meanwhile, another report said that the commander of Commando Battalion of Division 29 was killed in the clashes.